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To: Town Board
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Re: Monthly Police Report

During the month of January 2015 the La Pointe Police responded to the following:

- 24 Incidents/Complaints
- 5 Citizen Assists
- 1 Vehicle Registrations
- 1 Accidents
- 1 Civil Process
- 1 False Alarm
- 1 Call out

January was rather slow, we had expected a lot more traffic with an ice road, but traffic is down. However, considering that a larger road has been opened, I would expect to see more weekend traffic. Hopefully we can deter those that may have unlawful plans from coming across, by monitoring the approach more.

With an ice road it was discovered that we can save over \$1 a gallon of gas by going to Bayfield for fuel which is easily \$15 a tank by going across. We will be getting fuel in Bayfield as long as the Ice Road is safe to do so.

I am headed to the New Chiefs/Sheriffs training/seminar at the end of February that is put on by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. I will be gone for the week of February 22 through February 27. This training is paid for by the DOJ, as well as most meals and all of the hotel expense. I have been informed by Chief's who have attended that this is crucial training for a new Police Chief.

I have been working with Lisa and Kristian to explore grant options to get a speed monitoring trailer for the department to be used by both the Police Department and Public works. This came up in discussions last fall with Kristian and I and we feel that it would be an effective tool to deter speeding in certain parts of the island without having to do actual enforcement or use man hours. Places like Joni's beach,

the ball park, Fire Hall, Marina and Town Park are some of the areas that could use a reminder to some to reduce their speed. Many people who come to the island come from urban areas and do not see many 20 MPH zones and they are certainly not used to a 40 MPH zone which is the maximum speed limit on the island. It would all depend however in the grant we are applying for, if we are to receive a grant, we will have to go to the next step in funding the rest of the project. The goal is to fund this project with 100% grants and donations first before looking at what is in our budgets.

Even though I have been getting by, Justin was a temporary hire to get us through a few months, and it appears that Adams availability has been taken a lot by Red Cliff who is his primary employer, I have not been able to use him during critical weeks this winter. I am going to need one to two good part time officers to make this summer work; my current staff just cannot cover the hours of service needed without burnout and overtime. I do not want to pay to advertise a position in the paper again, that took way too much money out of the budget last year. I am looking at options such as heading to the tech schools to meet with recruits and posting directly with the schools to advertising on the state law enforcement site. I had hoped to get someone experienced, this ended up being a task that is near impossible. I am looking at the future of the department as I don't want to put just anyone out on the road. It may be a difficult task but I am looking for someone whose personality is a fit with our community as well as a fit with my style of law enforcement. The search continues.

Lastly, I have had an idea to allow the community to have input to the graphics on our new squad, if and when it arrives. I have contacted Steve McHugh from the Bell Street Gallery about having a contest with the art community in designing the graphics on our new squad. Steve thought this was a great idea and is ready to run with it. There is a stipulation however that the ideas and renderings may or may not be used as cost, feasibility and appropriateness is always a factor. Squad cars are usually the first thing that is seen that represents a community, to me, having community input is welcomed. As long as I can have the Town Boards Approval, Steve will get started on this project and we can get input from the community.

If you have any questions about anything in my report this month, please stop by and talk with me.

**Police Chief
William Defoe**